



12-05-05

IFW

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail with bill No. EV 595535364 US, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: December 1, 2005

Signature:

Georgina Matos
(Georgina Matos)

Docket No.: 543312000420
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Ravinder S. DHALLAN

Application No.: 10/661,165

Confirmation No.: 7501

Filed: September 11, 2003

Art Unit: 1634

For: METHODS FOR DETECTION OF GENETIC
DISORDERS

Examiner: E. Whisenant

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 1, 2005, for which a response is due on December 1, 2005, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-152 and 156-180 for continued examination. In addition, prior to examination on the merits please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.